

# A Hybrid Adaptive ENO Scheme

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This paper describes a new hybrid adaptive ENO scheme for partial differential equation in conservative form. The scheme is hybrid because it combines finite difference approximations for points away from the shock and ENO approximations near the shock. The method is adaptive in two ways. The first is that this method changes the computational grid in order to maintain a uniform approximation. Second, the method determines where to use the conservative ENO approximation to the derivative. The combination of these produces a quick algorithm for the solution of conservation laws. © 1997 Academic Press

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## INTRODUCTION

The study of compressible flows requires a special class of algorithms specifically designed to solve problems with discontinuous solutions. Algorithms in this class attempt to be high order without causing spurious oscillations. Spectral methods have been adapted by using filtering to inhibit oscillations. Van Leer used a hybrid of a high-order scheme in smooth regions and a monotone scheme near shocks [13]. Shu and Osher developed a class of high-order essentially *nonoscillatory* conservative schemes (ENO) [11, 12]. ENO schemes are highly adaptive schemes which use an optimal stencil at each grid point. ENO schemes come in two different formulations, cell-average and point-wise. Cell-average schemes use a very intuitive method based on the cell averages of the function. In Bauer an adaptive grid cell-averaged ENO scheme was developed and analyzed [1]. However, the cell-average ENO formulation on regular grids is prohibitively expensive when applied in higher dimensions and is even more expensive on nonuniform grids.

Point-wise ENO avoids the dimensional complications but is only applicable on a uniform grid. Unfortunately, ENO schemes are substantially more expensive to implement than finite difference methods. At every grid point, several *if-then* statements must be evaluated to decide on the proper stencil. Harten [4–9] and Jameson [10] developed methods to reduce computations using wavelets and multiresolution analysis. Harten used wavelet coefficients to locate points where a cheaper/faster method could be

used to compute the derivative. His method still used a uniform grid, but only computed the costly ENO approximations at a small number of points. Jameson did not examine the problem of high-order conservative schemes, but used wavelets to determine an optimal computational grid for a finite difference computation. These ideals were joined together in Bauer [1] and tests show substantial reductions in computational costs and time. The method presented here breaks free from the confines of cell averages at a price. The method is no longer conservative. Harabetian and Pego presented another nonconservative hybrid shock capturing scheme [3]. This method is distinctly different in a couple of ways; it uses an adaptive grid and determines on which points to use ENO approximations differently. In Harabetian and Pego, it was surmised that “if switching is prohibited too close to shocks” the method will be accurate in smooth regions and have the correct shock speed. This hybrid adaptive ENO uses an adaptive finite difference scheme in smooth areas and uses a conservative ENO scheme around the shocks. Sufficient care has been taken to ensure that all shocks are well within the region of ENO approximations.

This paper will first cover the basics including the general form of the differential equation and formulation of ENO schemes. Then I will discuss the computational grids which form the corner stone of the hybrid adaptive ENO method. This is followed by a discussion of when and where ENO computations are used to ensure an accurate solution. The next two sections cover how and when to change the computational grid and two ways to change the grid throughout the computation. Finally, examples are presented showing that the method is able to compute and maintain a sufficient computational grid.

## 2. ESSENTIALLY NON-OSCILLATORY SCHEMES (ENO)

Consider the solution of conservative PDEs written in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(u(x, t)). \quad (2.1)$$

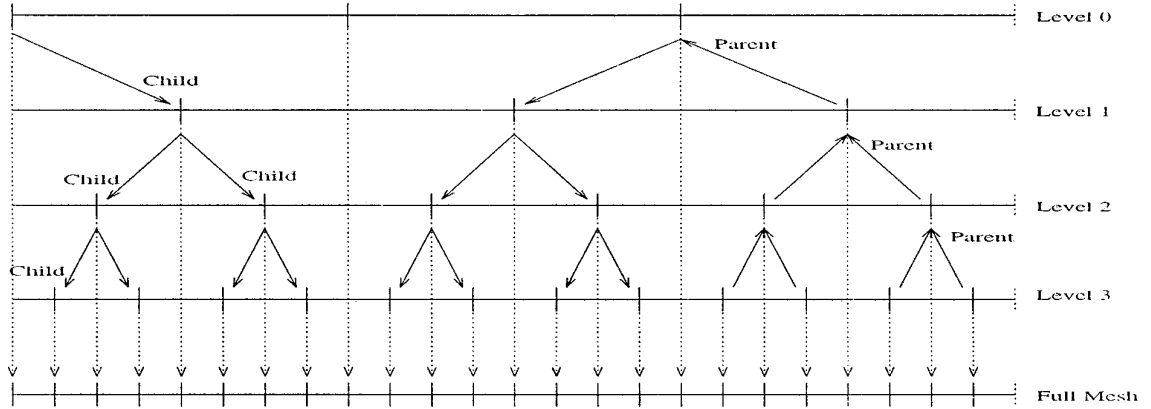


FIG. 1. Example of nesting of the mesh levels.

Also consider the uniform grid point-wise ENO scheme written in terms of it's numerical flux  $\hat{f}_{j+1/2}$ ,

$$u_t(x_j, t) = \frac{1}{\Delta} (\hat{f}_{j+1/2} - \hat{f}_{j-1/2}) \quad (2.2a)$$

$$\hat{f}_{j+1/2} = \mathbf{F} [\dots, u(x_{j-1}, t), u(x_j, t), u(x_{j+1}, t), u(x_{j+2}, t), \dots], \quad (2.2b)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}$  is consistent and Lipschitz continuous in each of its arguments and  $\Delta = x_{j+1} - x_j$ . Shu and Osher [11] developed a nonoscillatory method to compute high-order approximations to  $\hat{f}_{j+1/2}$ . Implicitly define  $h(x)$  by

$$f(u(x)) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{x-\Delta/2}^{x+\Delta/2} h(\xi) d\xi. \quad (2.3)$$

Differentiating (2.3) with respect to  $x$  leads to

$$\frac{\partial f(u(x))}{\partial x} = \frac{h(x + \Delta/2) - h(x - \Delta/2)}{\Delta}. \quad (2.4)$$

Comparing (2.2a) and (2.4) results in

$$\hat{f}_{j+1/2} = h(x_{j+1/2}). \quad (2.5)$$

By using the primitive of  $h(x)$  and the knowledge of  $f(u(x_j, t))$ , a high-order approximation of  $h(x)$  can be computed. However, (2.3) requires that the grid be uniform with spacing  $\Delta$ . If the grid is nonuniform, computation of  $h(x)$  is more difficult and the scheme is no longer conservative. Since the scheme is no longer conservative, an easy to compute finite difference approximation to the derivative is used.

Computing a high-order approximation is not difficult, but finding a high-order ENO approximation which is not oscillatory is difficult and expensive. To compute a  $p$ th

order ENO approximation of  $\hat{f}_{j+1/2}$  will require  $p$  *if-then* statements to be executed at each grid point and at every time step. These *if-then* statements substantially slow down the algorithm. This paper, like [1], uses an adaptive grid ENO scheme to reduce the number of ENO approximations while maintaining accuracy.

### 3. GRID AND MESH

The algorithm has two different sets of points. The first set is the computational grid and is the set of points  $x_j \in [0, 1]$  where the value of the function  $u(x, t)$  is known. Throughout assume the points are ordered  $x_j < x_{j+1}$ . And, while computationally this is not practical, pointers are used to keep track of data points. This set of computational points is called the *grid*. There are specific requirements on which sets of points  $x_j$  will be a usable *grid*. To understand which collections of points  $x_j$  are usable examine the other set of points.

The other set of points is called the *mesh*, and will be used for maintaining the grid, record keeping, and changing the grid. The mesh consists of evenly spaced points which can possibly be used for computations. The grid is a subset of the mesh.

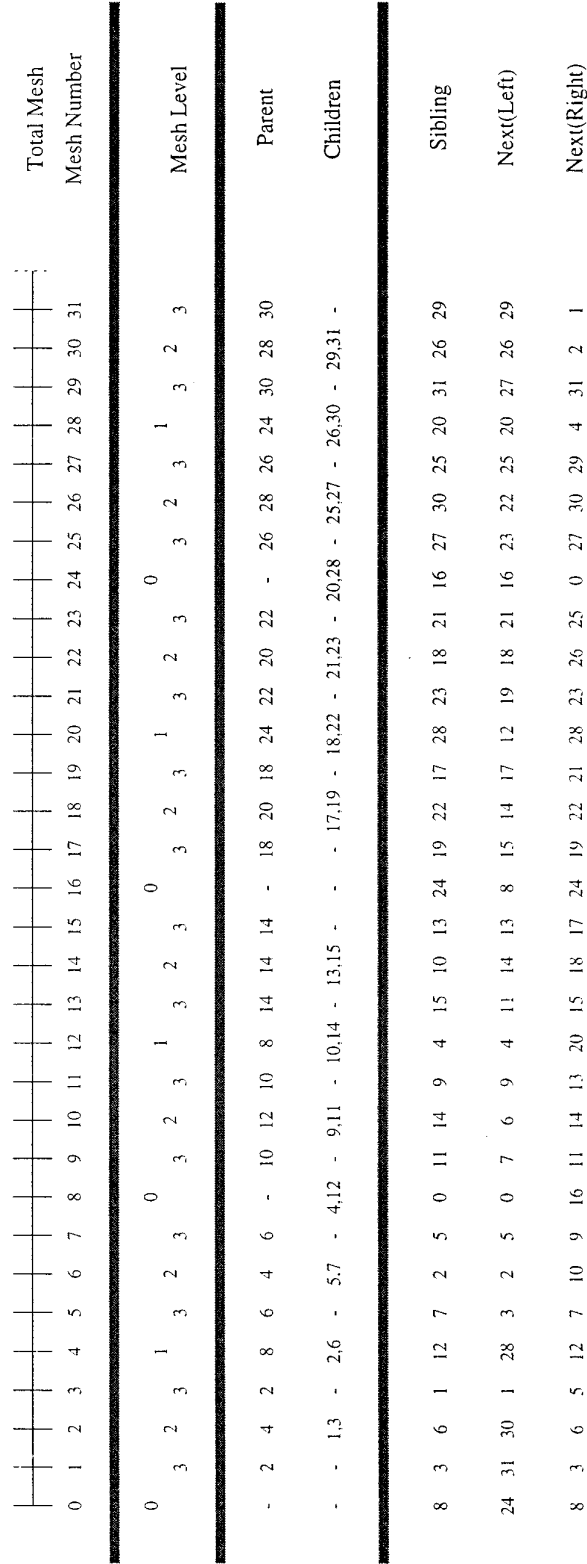
The mesh is defined as a hierarchy of levels. Every mesh point on level 1 is the child of a mesh point on level 0 and the parent of two children on level 2. Likewise every mesh point on level 2 is the child of a mesh point on level 1 and the parent of two children on level 3. (See Fig. 1.)

#### 3.1. Mesh Properties

The following values are recorded for each mesh point in order to maintain the mesh and the grid. Figure 2 shows the values of these properties for a small grid with four hierarchal levels.

$level(j)$  equals the hierarchal level on which the mesh

### Sample Mesh



**FIG. 2.** Example of mesh numbering and the values of level, parent, child, sibling, and next.

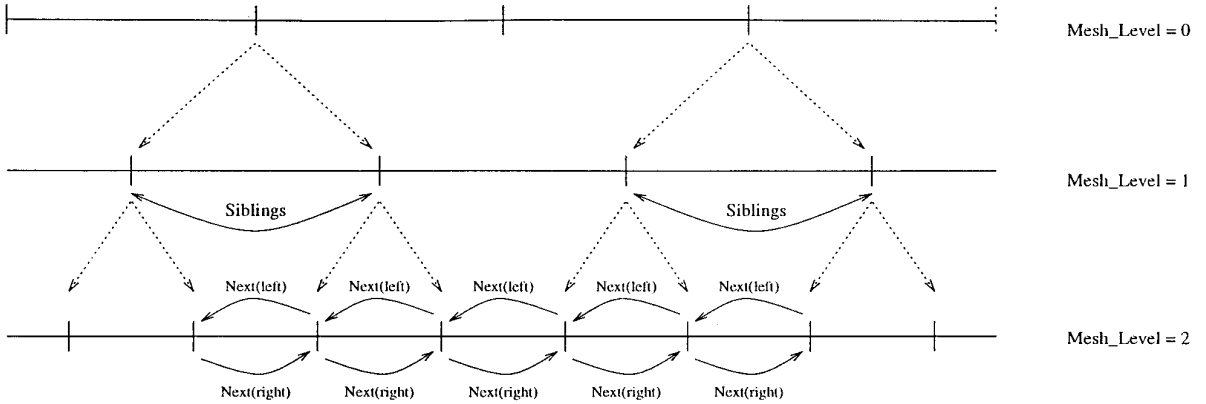


FIG. 3. Demonstration of the definitions of sibling and next.

point lies. The points on level 0 are the most basic points which *must* be used in each computation. Points are added on higher levels, giving rise to higher accuracy.

$mesh(j)$  refers to the  $j$ th mesh point and  $x_j$  will refer to a grid point.

$parent(j)$  equals the value of the mesh point which gave life to  $mesh(j)$ . If  $mesh(j)$  is on the grid, then  $parent(j)$  must be on the grid. Points on level 0 will not have parents.

$child(left,j)$  &  $child(right,j)$  are the values of the two mesh points which are the children of  $mesh(j)$ . If the algorithm determines that the grid needs to be refined around the point  $mesh(j)$ , then the points  $child(left,j)$  and  $child(right,j)$  are added. Points on the finest level will not have any children. Note that  $parent(child(left,j)) = j$ .

Next define  $\mathcal{L}_k$  as the set of points which make up level  $k$ . Let  $N$  be the number of points on the coarsest level  $\mathcal{L}_0$ . Then Eqs. (3.1) define the points in each of the levels  $\mathcal{L}_d$  and (3.1d) shows how the levels join together to form a mesh which is uniformly spaced.

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \{x_j^0 | x_j^0 = j/N, \text{ for } j = 0, N - 1\} \quad (3.1a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \{x_j^1 | x_j^1 = 1/2N + j/N, \text{ for } j = 0, N - 1\} \quad (3.1b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_d = \{x_j^d | x_j^d = 1/N2^d + j/N2^{d-1}, \text{ for } j = 0, N2^{d-1} - 1\} \quad (3.1c)$$

$$\bigcup_{k=0}^d \mathcal{L}_k = 2^d N \quad x_j = j/2^d N. \quad (3.1d)$$

This hierarchy of levels is very similar to wavelets. However, unlike wavelets, small portions of each level instead of the entire level.

There are a few additional quantities which need to be defined (see Figs. 2 and 3):

$sibling(j)$  points to the mesh point which has the same parent as  $mesh(j)$ .

$next(left,j)$  points to the closest point to the left on the same level as  $mesh(j)$ .

$next(right,j)$  points to the closest point to the right on the same level as  $mesh(j)$ .

### 3.2. Defining the Grid

Now that the mesh is defined, it is much easier to describe the computational grid. All points  $x_j^0 \in \mathcal{L}_0$  are grid points. For the points  $x_j^k \in \mathcal{L}_{k>0}$  to be a grid point,  $x_j^k$  must satisfy the following grid rules:

1. If  $mesh(j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $parent(j) \in \text{grid}$ .
2. If  $mesh(j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $sibling(j) \in \text{grid}$ .
3. If  $child(left,j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $next(left,j) \in \text{grid}$ .
4. If  $child(right,j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $next(right,j) \in \text{grid}$ .

### 3.3. Grid and Mesh Combined

The mesh defines the grid. But now arises the need to examine the grid and determine what properties it has. Consider a mesh with 5 levels and  $N = 20$ . Then the mesh will have 320 points and the grid will have between 20 and 320 points. Assume that there are  $P$  grid points,  $x_j$  for  $j = 0, \dots, P - 1$ .

TABLE I

Stencils for the Third-Order Scheme

Stencil No.	$w_{j-1}$	$w_j$	$w_{j+1}$
-2	$w_j + 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$
-1	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j - 1$
0	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$
+1	$w_j - 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$
+2	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j + 1$

Grid Rules 1 and 2 ensure that for all  $j$ , there exists an integer  $w_j \in [0, 4]$ , such that

$$\Delta_j = x_{j+1} - x_j = 2^{w_j}/320 = 2^{w_j} * \delta \quad (3.2a)$$

$$\delta = 1/320. \quad (3.2b)$$

In other words, the distance between neighboring points will be either 1/320, 2/320, 4/320, 8/320, or 16/320.

Grid Rules 3 and 4 result in another important relationship,

$$|w_{j+1} - w_j| \leq 1. \quad (3.3)$$

The importance of this is that  $x_{j+1} - x_j$  will not vary too quickly throughout the domain. For example, if the distance from  $x_{10}$  to  $x_{11}$  is 8/320, then the distance from  $x_{11}$  to  $x_{12}$  can only be 4/320, 8/320, or 16/320 which are multiples of 1/2, 1, or 2 times 8/320.

These two rules are the equivalent of requiring that each grid point should be overlapped by a coarser level grid point that is not more than one level coarser than itself. These requirements are similar to ones which Harten [4, 9] and Jameson used [10].

### 3.4. Stencils for Finite Difference Approximation

Unlike uniform grids, finite difference approximations need to be computed for many different grid spacings. The grid rules restrict how many different stencils need to be computed.

In this section consider equations for which  $f'(u) \geq 0$  for all  $u(x, t)$ . This will allow us to consider only stencils for waves moving to the left. Stencils are created using the points  $x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1},$  &  $x_{j+2}$  which are used in turn to approximate  $f_x(u(x_j, t))$ .

When the requirement on  $f'(u)$  does not hold, a flux splitting is used such that  $f(u) = f^+(u) + f^-(u)$  where  $df^+/du \geq 0$  and  $df^-/du \leq 0$ . One possible splitting is  $f^+(u) = f(u) + \alpha u$  and  $f^-(u) = f(u) - \alpha u$  where  $\alpha = \max_u |f'(u)|$ . There are other choices for  $f^+(u)$  and  $f^-(u)$  which are more physical and the actual choice will depend on the equation to be solved. (See Shu and Osher [11, pp. 36 & 37].)

Once  $f^+(u)$  and  $f^-(u)$  are determined, use the following stencils to compute  $f_x^+(u)$  and use similar stencils using the points  $x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0,$  and  $x_1$  to compute  $f_x^-(u)$ .

Grid Rules 3 and 4 also ensure the relation

$$|w_{j+1} - w_j| + |w_j - w_{j-1}| \leq 1. \quad (3.4)$$

To understand the impact of this statement, consider for example a third-order, four-point stencil. Knowing  $w_j$  and using (3.4) leads to only five possible combinations of  $w_{j-1}, w_j,$  and  $w_{j+1}$ . These five possibilities are labeled stencils -2 through +2 and are shown in Table I. Furthermore,

**TABLE II**  
Grid Spacing for Each Stencil

Stencil No.	$x_{j-1}$	$x_j$	$x_{j+1}$	$x_{j+2}$
-2	$x_j - 2\Delta_j$	$x_j$	$x_j + \Delta_j$	$x_j + 2\Delta_j$
-1	$x_j - \Delta_j$	$x_j$	$x_j + \Delta_j$	$x_j + 3\Delta_j/2$
0	$x_j - \Delta_j$	$x_j$	$x_j + \Delta_j$	$x_j + 2\Delta_j$
+1	$x_j - \Delta_j/2$	$x_j$	$x_j + \Delta_j$	$x_j + 2\Delta_j$
+2	$x_j - \Delta_j$	$x_j$	$x_j + \Delta_j$	$x_j + 3\Delta_j$

consider the four points  $x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1},$  and  $x_{j+2}$  related to  $w_{j-1}, w_j,$  and  $w_{j+1}$ . The spacing for each of these stencils between grid points is given in Table II. Now the algorithm needs only five sets of coefficients to compute the derivative. To compute  $f_x(u(x_j, t))$ , use the formula

$$f_x(u(x_j, t)) = \frac{1}{\Delta_j} \sum_{k=-1}^2 c_k f(u(x_{j+k}, t)) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_j^3) \quad (3.5)$$

and the coefficients for the appropriate stencil found in Table III. This small set of coefficients can now be stored and used as needed.

**3.4.1. Higher Order.** The above stencils are derived for a third-order, four-point stencil. There are two ways to modify this method for higher order. Consider a fourth-order, five-point stencil. The first involves allowing six more stencils which are shown in Table IV.

This requires six more stencils than before and two stencils have three different spacings within them (stencils -4 and 4). Previously there were only two different spacings within each stencil. This difference is reflected in the equation

$$|w_{j+1} - w_j| + |w_j - w_{j-1}| + |w_{j-1} - w_{j-2}| \leq 2 \quad (3.6)$$

where the right-hand side determines the total number of changes in  $w_j$  within the stencil.

Alternatively, additional grid rules can be defined. This will reduce the possible stencils from 11 to 7. Moreover, each stencil permits only two different grid spacings. Con-

**TABLE III**  
Coefficients for Third-Order Approximations

Stencil No.	$c_{-1}$	$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$
-2	-1/12	-1	4/3	-1/4
-1	-3/10	-2/3	3/2	-8/15
0	-1/3	-1/2	1	-1/6
+1	-16/15	1/2	2/3	-1/10
+2	-3/8	-1/3	3/4	-1/24

**TABLE IV**  
Stencils for the Fourth-Order Scheme

Stencil No.	$w_{j-2}$	$w_{j-1}$	$w_j$	$w_{j+1}$
-5	$w_j - 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j - 1$
-4	$w_j - 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j + 1$
-3	$w_j + 1$	$w_j + 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$
-2	$w_j + 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$
-1	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j - 1$
0	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$
+1	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j + 1$
+2	$w_j - 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j$
+3	$w_j - 1$	$w_j - 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$
+4	$w_j + 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j - 1$
+5	$w_j + 1$	$w_j$	$w_j$	$w_j + 1$

sider the five point stencil again with these two additional grid rules:

5. if  $\text{child}(\text{left}, x_j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $\text{next}(\text{left}, \text{next}(\text{left}, x_j)) \in \text{grid}$
6. if  $\text{child}(\text{right}, x_j) \in \text{grid}$ , then  $\text{next}(\text{right}, \text{next}(\text{right}, x_j)) \in \text{grid}$

This enforces

$$|w_{j+1} - w_j| + |w_j - w_{j-1}| + |w_{j-1} - w_{j-2}| \leq 1 \quad (3.7)$$

and eliminates stencils  $-4$ ,  $-5$ ,  $4$ , and  $5$ .

#### 4. ENO IMPLEMENTATION

The scheme will use an ENO approximation to the derivative on the finest grid. Section 5 will discuss the grid modifying algorithms which ensure that all discontinuities lie within a region of high resolution. But for now, consider only the implementation of ENO on a uniformly fine mesh.

Define a fine grid point as a grid point satisfying

$$\Delta_{j-1} = \delta = \Delta_j. \quad (4.1)$$

And define a region of uniform high resolution as a section where fine grid points are grouped together. These regions will be where an ENO approximation can be applied.

##### 4.1. ENO at a Single Point

In order to compute  $f_x(u(x_j))$ , both  $\hat{f}_{j-1/2}$  and  $\hat{f}_{j+1/2}$  need to be computed. To find a  $\rho$ th-order solution, it is required that

$$\hat{f}_{j+1/2} = h(x_{j+1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^{\rho+1}). \quad (4.2)$$

For a  $(\rho + 1)$ st-order ENO reconstruction of  $h(x)$ ,  $\rho + 1$  points around  $x_{j-1/2}$  and  $x_{j+1/2}$  are required. Therefore, to

compute the derivative at  $x_j$ , the points  $x_k$  for  $k = (j - \rho - 1) \cdots (j + \rho + 1)$  must be fine grid points.

In other words, for any point  $x_j$  such that  $x_{j+\rho+1} - x_{j-\rho-1} = (2\rho + 2)\delta$  use an ENO approximation to the derivative.

## 5. GRID MODIFICATIONS

This section describes the algorithms which will modify the computational grid. The analysis is for the specific case of a third-order scheme. A brief overview of the construction of the stencils and results from this section for a fifth-order scheme are given in Appendix A.

### 5.1. Accuracy

This method relies on two algorithms to change the grid. The first adds grid points to ensure the scheme maintains accuracy. How does one ‘‘maintain accuracy?’’

Consider the 1D wave equation

$$u_t = u_x \quad (5.1)$$

with  $u(x, t)$  a  $C^\infty$  function, and the semidiscrete approximation to  $u_t = u_x$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(x_j, t) = G_j(u(x, t)), \quad (5.2)$$

where  $G_j(u(x, t))$  is a third-order approximation to  $u_x(x, t)$ ,

$$G_j(u(x, t)) = c_{-1}u(x_{j-1}, t) + c_0u(x_j, t) + c_1u(x_{j+1}, t) + c_2u(x_{j+2}, t). \quad (5.3)$$

The coefficients,  $c_k$ , are the same ones computed in Section 3. Using a Taylor’s expansion about  $x_j$ ,

$$G_j(u(x, t)) = u_x(x_j, t) + \frac{1}{24} [c_{-1}(x_{j-1} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_1) + c_1(x_{j+1} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_2) + c_2(x_{j+2} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_3)] \quad (5.4)$$

for some  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \in [x_{j-1}, x_{j+2}]$ . Then the local truncation error is

$$e_j \leq \frac{1}{24} |c_{-1}(x_{j-1} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_1) + c_1(x_{j+1} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_2) c_2(x_{j+2} - x_j)^4 u^{(iv)}(\xi_3)|. \quad (5.5)$$

**TABLE V**Bounds  $B(w_{j-1}, w_j, w_{j+1})$ 

Stencil No.	$B(w_{j-1}, w_j, w_{j+1})$
-2	20/3
-1	9/2
0	4
+1	7/3
+2	9/2

Using

$$x_{j-1} - x_j = -\delta 2^{w_{j-1}} \quad (5.6a)$$

$$x_{j+1} - x_j = \delta 2^{w_j} \quad (5.6b)$$

$$x_{j+2} - x_j = \delta 2^{w_j} + \delta 2^{w_{j+1}} \quad (5.6c)$$

and defining

$$U_j = \max_{\xi \in [x_{j-1}, x_{j+2}]} |u^{(iv)}(\xi)|, \quad (5.7)$$

the error can be bounded by

$$e_j \leq \frac{\delta^4}{24} [|c_{-1}|16^{w_{j-1}} + |c_1|16^{w_j} + |c_2|(2^{w_{j+1}} + 2^{w_j})^4] U_j. \quad (5.8)$$

Using the coefficients found in Section 3, a bound for each different stencil can be found,

$$e_j \leq \frac{\Delta_j^3}{24} B(w_{j-1}, w_j, w_{j+1}) U_j, \quad (5.9)$$

where the value of  $B(w_{j-1}, w_j, w_{j+1})$  is given in Table V. Since all of these are less than 20/3, the error can be bounded by

$$e_j \leq \frac{5\Delta_j^3}{18} U_j. \quad (5.10)$$

The error has two contributing factors,  $\Delta_j^3$  and  $U_j$ . The goal is to limit the error committed on any time step to a certain level. Since  $U_j$  is beyond our control, use  $\Delta_j$  to control the error. Then if  $e_j > \text{Tolerance}$  refine the grid and reduce the error. Tolerance is a user-defined variable which controls how accurately the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme should approximate the fine grid ENO scheme. For example, if Tolerance = .001, then the local truncation error for each step should be less than 0.001.

## 5.2. Adding Points

Let  $\mathcal{U}_p(\bar{x}; y_{-2}, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, y_2)$  be an approximation to  $u^{(p)}(\bar{x})$  using the points  $y_{-2}, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, y_2$ . The computation of  $\mathcal{U}_p$  must be a quick computation because it will be used often.

Define  $i_a(j)$  as an estimate to  $u^{(iv)}$  (4) using the points  $x_{j-2}, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, x_{j+2}$ ,

$$i_a(j) = |\mathcal{U}_4(x_j; x_{j-2}, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, x_{j+2})|. \quad (5.11)$$

Then define  $I_a(j)$  as

$$I_a(j) = \frac{5\Delta_j^3}{18} \left[ \max_{k=j-\eta(a), j+\eta(a)} \{i_a(k)\} \right] \quad (5.12)$$

for some  $\eta(a)$ . If  $\eta(a) = 2$ , then  $I_a(j)$  will bound the truncation error at  $x_j$ .

In order to anticipate the movement of data,  $\eta(a)$  is chosen larger than the value of 2 required to estimate  $e_j$  [approx. 5]. This leads to a simple rule for adding points to the grid. If  $I_a(j) > \text{TOL}_a$ , then refine the grid by adding the points  $\text{child}(\text{left}, j)$  and  $\text{child}(\text{right}, j)$ .

## 5.3. Removing Points

The second algorithm deletes grid points so that the method uses as few as possible. For the add algorithm above, the grid was tested at the point  $x_j$  and if required the children of the point  $x_j$  were added. For the remove algorithm, the grid is tested at the point  $x_j$  and if required the children of  $x_j$  are removed.

The indicator for removal uses  $x_j$  and a set of four points nearby the children of  $x_j$ , which are the points  $x_{j-1}$  and  $x_{j+1}$ . In determining whether to remove the points  $x_{j-1}$  and  $x_{j+1}$ , avoid using them to compute  $i_r(j)$ . Define

$$i^-(j) = |\mathcal{U}_0(x_{j-1}; x_{j-3}, x_{j-2}, x_j, x_{j+2}, x_{j+3}) - u(x_{j-1}, t)| \quad (5.13a)$$

$$i^+(j) = |\mathcal{U}_0(x_{j+1}; x_{j-3}, x_{j-2}, x_j, x_{j+2}, x_{j+3}) - u(x_{j+1}, t)| \quad (5.13b)$$

$$i_r(j) = i^-(j) + i^+(j). \quad (5.13c)$$

$\mathcal{U}_0(x_{j-1})$  is an approximation of  $u(x_{j-1}, t)$  and  $\mathcal{U}_0(x_{j+1})$  is a similar approximation of  $u(x_{j+1}, t)$ . Therefore  $i_r(j)$  is the total approximation error at the two points  $x_{j-1}$  and  $x_{j+1}$  if they are not elements of the computational grid.

Again to anticipate  $u(x, t)$ , define  $I_r(j)$  as

$$I_r(j) = \max_{k=j-\eta(r), j+\eta(r)} \{i_r(k)\} \quad (5.14)$$

for some  $\eta(r)$  [approx 5].

The two children of  $x_j$  will not be removed if either  $x_{j-1}$  or  $x_{j+1}$  has children, or if the resulting grid fails to satisfy all the Grid Rules.

5.3.1. *ENO and the Fine Grid.* Necessary to hybrid adaptive ENO is ensuring that the grid changing algorithms will always refine and never coarsen near discontinuities. In order to ensure this, show that both  $i_a(j)$  and  $i_r(j)$  will be large near discontinuities. If  $i_a(j)$  and  $i_r(j)$  are large near discontinuities, then both  $I_a(j)$  and  $I_r(j)$  will be large near discontinuities and the grid will be refined and not coarsened near discontinuities. The increased values of  $\eta(a)$  and  $\eta(r)$  will expand the fine grid regions and ensure that the shocks will lie within the ENO regions.

Harten [6, 9] showed that for a function with a discontinuity in the  $q$ th derivative, the finite-difference approximation to the  $p$ th derivative behaves like  $\mathcal{O}(\delta^{q-p})$ .

Then for this approximation,

$$i_a(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{q-4}) \quad i_r(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{q-5}). \quad (5.15)$$

Near discontinuities in the solution,  $i_a(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{-4})$  and  $i_r(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{-5})$ . Additionally, for discontinuities in the first derivative  $i_a(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{-3})$  and  $i_r(j) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{-4})$ . Therefore both  $I_a(j)$  and  $I_r(j)$  will be large and ensure that a fine grid is used near shocks.

#### 5.4. Systems of Equations

If one is solving a system of equations, these indicators need to be modified only slightly.  $\mathcal{U}_p$  will now be a vector-valued approximation  $d^{(p)}\mathbf{u}/dx^{(p)}$ . Then (5.11) and (5.13) need to be replaced by a suitable norm of the vectors in each equation. While the  $l_1$  or  $l_\infty$  might seem to be logical norms to use, the best choice is  $l_2$  because it is quick to compute. Both  $l_1$  and  $l_\infty$  require *if-then* statements.

### 6. SPECIAL CHANGES

It is not sufficient to have an algorithm which can find the best grid for the present time step. The algorithms must be able to predict which grid will be required. This involves two different methods to predict the grid for the function  $u(x, t + \tau)$ . The first is easily applied to systems of equations, but the second one requires considerable extra work and may not be efficient.

#### 6.1. Directional Insight

Consider the equation

$$u_t = a(x, t)u_x \quad (6.1)$$

If  $a(x, t) < 0$ , then the waves move to the right. Similarly, if  $a(x, t) > 0$ , then the waves move to the left. Of course, the waves will move different directions within the same problem. But at any one point it can easily be determined in which direction things are moving. Recall the original equation

$$u_t(x, t) = f_x(u(x, t)) \quad (6.2)$$

and rewrite this in the nonconservative form

$$u_t(x, t) = f'(u)u_x(x, t). \quad (6.3)$$

Use this equation to determine in which direction things are moving.

#### 6.2. Biased Add Indicator

Define a biased add indicator,  $I_b(j)$ , as

$$I_b(j+k) = \max_{k \in \mathcal{K}_j} (I_a(j+k)) \quad (6.4a)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_j = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is not a fine grid point} \\ \{0 \cdots \eta(b)\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is a fine grid point \& } \\ & f'(u(x_j, t)) \leq 0 \\ \{-\eta(b) \cdots 0\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is a fine grid point \& } \\ & f'(u(x_j, t)) \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (6.4b)$$

for some  $\eta(b)$  [approx 5]. This procedure spreads the influence of a high value of  $I_a(j)$  downstream if the point  $x_j$  is a fine grid point. This will ensure that additional fine grid points will be added ahead of any shock and that “switching [from ENO to finite difference] is prohibited too close to shocks.”

6.2.1. *Systems of Equations.* To adapt this for systems, recall that ENO schemes must be applied to the characteristic field. The characteristic field is also exactly what is required to apply the biased add indicator.

Let  $A_{j+1/2}$  become the “average” Jacobian of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})$  at  $x_{j+1/2}$ . An example is  $A_{j+1/2} = (\partial f / \partial \mathbf{u})|_{u=(u_j+u_{j+1})/2}$  [11, p. 43]. Let  $\lambda_{j+1/2}^{(p)}$  be the  $p$ th eigenvalue of  $A_{j+1/2}$ . Along with the eigenvectors of  $A_{j+1/2}$ , the eigenvectors are used in the ENO computations on the fine grid points. These eigenvalues tell which way information is traveling in each characteristic field.

Therefore redefine (6.4) as

$$I_b(j+k) = \max_{k \in \mathcal{K}_j^p} (I_a(j+k)) \quad (6.5a)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_j^p = \bigcup_p \mathcal{K}_j^p \quad (6.5b)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_j^p = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is not a fine grid point} \\ \{0 \cdots \eta(b)\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is a fine grid point \& } \lambda_{j+1/2}^{(p)} \leq 0. \\ \{-\eta(b) \cdots 0\} & \text{if } x_j \text{ is a fine grid point \& } \lambda_{j+1/2}^{(p)} \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (6.5c)$$

#### 6.3. Predictive Add Indicator

Again recall the simple equation

$$u_t(x, t) = a(x, t)u_x(x, t). \quad (6.6)$$



**TABLE VI**  
User Parameters

Version	Order	CFL	$\eta(a)$	$\eta(r)$	$\eta(b)$	$\eta(\tau)$	Intervals		Tolerances	
							Add	Remove	TOL <sub>a</sub>	TOL <sub>r</sub>
1	3	.25	5	5	7	0	4	10	.00001	.001
2	3	.25	5	5	7	16	8	15	.00001	.001

Freeze  $a(x, t)$  at  $(x_0, t_0)$  and consider the characteristic approximation

$$u(x_0 - a(x_0, t_0)\tau, t_0 + \tau) = u(x_0, t_0). \quad (6.7)$$

Revert to the nonconservative form of the equation

$$u_t(x, t) = f'(u(x, t))u_x(x, t). \quad (6.8)$$

Freeze this at  $x_j, t_0$ . Now it is expected that at the point  $\tilde{x}_j = x_j - \tau f'(u(x_j, t_0))$  the value of  $u(\tilde{x}_j, t_0 + \tau)$  is  $u(x_j, t_0)$ . This is only a rough estimate, but it provides a predictive guess of the function at  $t = t_0 + \tau$ .

The previous add indicator used the values of  $u(x)$  at  $x_{j-2}, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}$ , and  $x_{j+2}$ . Now use predicted values by defining

$$y_k = x_{j+k} - \tau f'(u(x_{j+k}, t_0)) \quad \text{for } k = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 \quad (6.9)$$

and

$$u(y_k, t_0 + \tau) \approx u(x_{j+k}, t_0) \quad \text{for } k = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \quad (6.10)$$

and then redefine  $i_a(j)$  using not the points  $x_k$ , but the points  $y_k$ ,

$$i_a(j) = |\mathcal{Q}_4(x_j; y_{-2}, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, y_2)| \quad (6.11a)$$

$$\tau = \delta_i \cdot \eta(\tau) \quad (6.11b)$$

for some  $\eta(\tau)$  [approx. 8] and  $\delta_i$  the step size. This will predict the regularity of  $u(x, t)$ ,  $\eta(\tau)$  time steps in the future.

The benefit of using this predictive add indicator is increased computational speed because the add and remove algorithms can be applied less often. This indicator also has a drawback. Application of this to a system of equations will be difficult. Equation (6.9) requires the Jacobian which is not known except at the ENO points. Instead of computing the Jacobian, simple approximations can be used to predict the regularity of  $u(x, t)$  using values of  $u(x_j, t)$  at two different time steps.

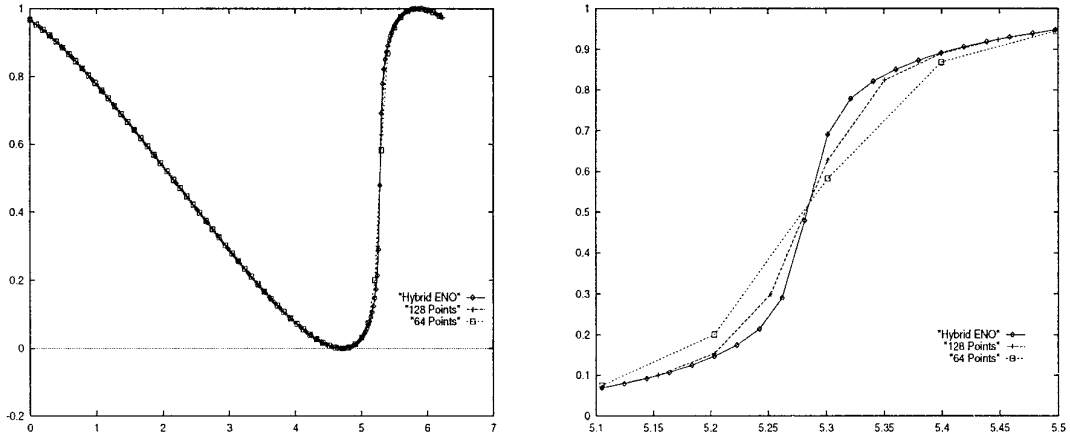
## 7. PARAMETERS

The underlying mesh for the hybrid adaptive ENO computations has 320 points, with  $N = 20$ , and uses four levels of refinement and a third-order TVD (Total Variation Diminishing) Runge–Kutta scheme used for the time evolution.

The time step used was chosen based on the smallest distance between grid points. Therefore once the grid was refined to the finest level possible, the time step was chosen to be the same as a regular uniform 320 point ENO computation. This ensured stability for the finest grid, but was overly small for the course grid. Berger [2] suggests a method for improving over this cautious time stepping. She suggests that intermediate time steps be taken on fine grid points. This will in effect cause every data point to use its maximum time step.

**TABLE VII**  
Single Shock—Errors and Computational Times

Scheme	Avg. No. of Points		Error			Shock Width	CPU Time
	ENO	Total	$L_1$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$		
Hybrid ENO	16.0	64.9	.00004160	.00004789	.0001928	.05655	144s
128 Points	128	128	.00001200	.00007930	.0007891	.1252	154s
256 Points	256	256	.000004076	.00002975	.0002824	.07196	694s
320 Points	320	320	.000002696	.00002504	.0003529	.05655	1081s



**FIG. 4.** Solution of Burger's equations with one shock present at time  $t = 2$ . Each figure shows the hybrid adaptive ENO solution and ENO solution using 64 & 128 points. The left figure shows the solution for the entire domain, while the right figure shows a close-up view of the solution near the shock.

The values of  $\eta(a)$ ,  $\eta(r)$ , and  $\eta(b)$  are straightforward. Their assigned values are consistent with how they were defined. The values of  $\eta(\tau)$  and the intervals between applications of the add and remove algorithms are less straightforward. These values were determined through trial and error, but seem to work for a number of different problems, including nonconvex problems.

Two different sets of values for  $\eta(\tau)$  and algorithm intervals were chosen (Table VI). The first versions sets  $\eta(\tau) = 0$  and does not use the predictive add indicator. The second sets  $\eta(\tau) = 16$  and uses the predictive add indicator to reduce how often the add algorithm is applied.

The final two parameters are the tolerances which dictate whether to remove or add points.

if  $I_b > TOL_a$  then add the children of  $x_j$

if  $I_r < TOL_r$  then remove the children of  $x_j$

**8. NUMERICAL RESULTS**

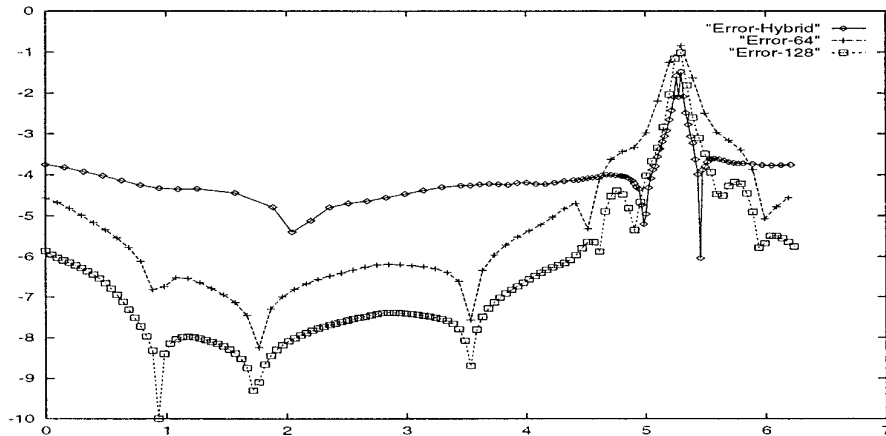
I considered the solution to the inviscid Burger's equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u^2(x, t)) \tag{8.1}$$

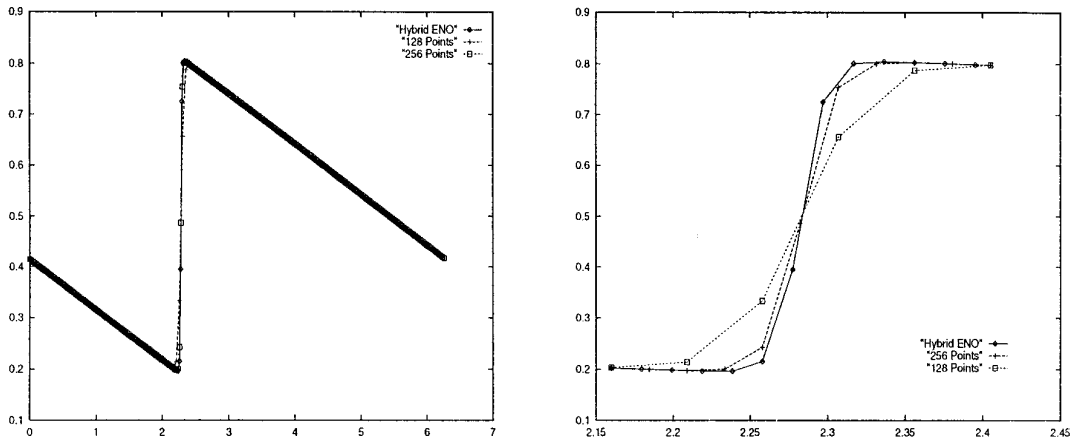
with two different initial conditions,

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) + \frac{1}{2} \tag{8.2}$$

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) + \sin(2x + .2) + \frac{3}{2}. \tag{8.3}$$



**FIG. 5.** Hybrid adaptive ENO and ENO errors for solution of Burger's equations with one shock present at time  $t = 2$ . For the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme, the error is approximately the same for any point away from the shock.



**FIG. 6.** Solution of Burger's equations with one shock present at time  $t = 8$ . Again shown are the hybrid adaptive ENO solution and two different ENO solutions. The two views are the entire solution and a closeup of the solution near the discontinuity.

The first leads to a single shock in the data, while the second leads to two shocks traveling at different speeds which join together into one shock.

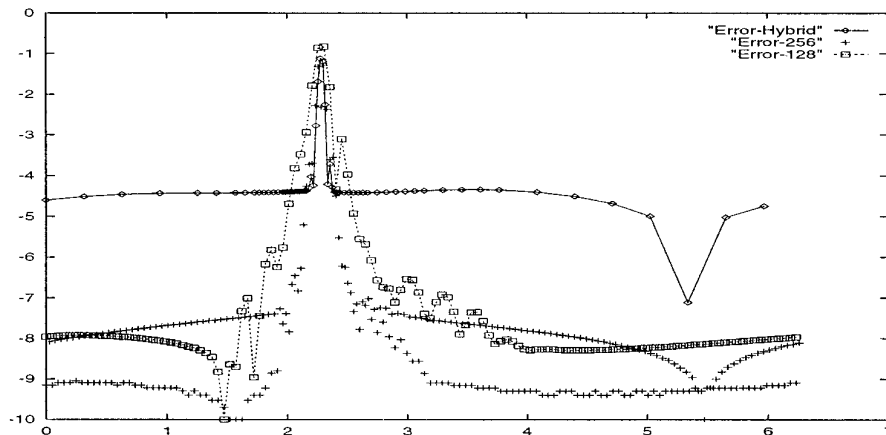
I compared my results to standard ENO routines using 128 points, 256 points, and 320 points. These were chosen because 128 points takes approximately the same time to compute, and the second two give approximately the same accuracy as the hybrid adaptive ENO near the shock.

### 8.1. Single Shock

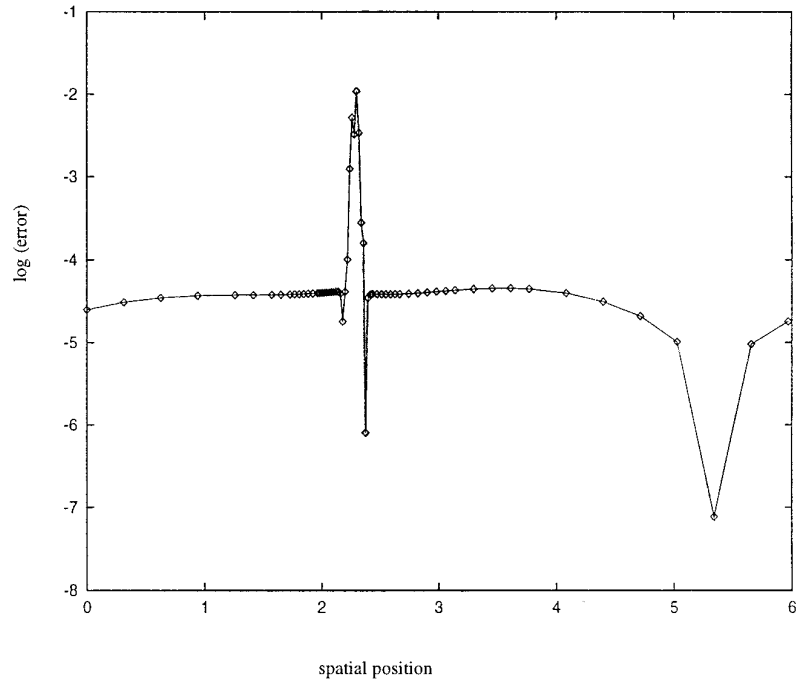
This example is used to demonstrate accuracy in smooth areas and shock speed. Table VII shows the results of this computation. The second and third columns detail the average number of points which used an ENO approximation and the average number of grid points used overall. The errors measured are the pointwise error of points which are sufficiently removed from the discontinuity. The

shock width measures the smearing of the shock by the numerical method. Shock width is defined as the distance from the shock to where the computed error drops below .001. For the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme, the solution error is less than 0.001 for all points which are more than 0.05655 away from the shock. The shock width is larger for both 128 point and 256 point computations. The hybrid adaptive ENO shock width is the same as the 320-point computation.

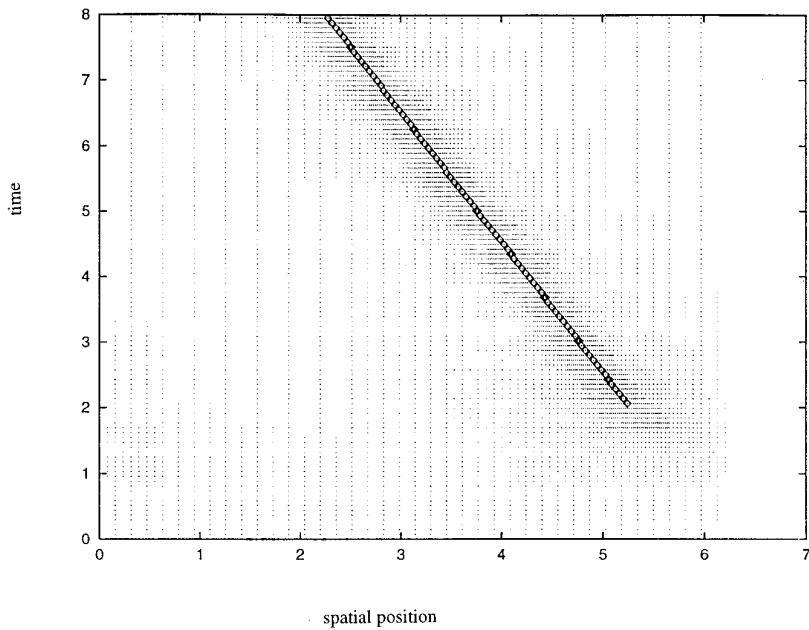
Figures 4 and 5 show the solution and error of the single shock problem at  $t = 2$ , while Figs. 6 and 7 show the solution and error of the single shock problem at  $t = 8$ . Noticeable in Figs. 5 and 7 is that the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme is less accurate than the standard ENO schemes away from the shock, but more accurate close to the shock. This is not surprising since the algorithm uses more points close to the shock and fewer points away from the shock.



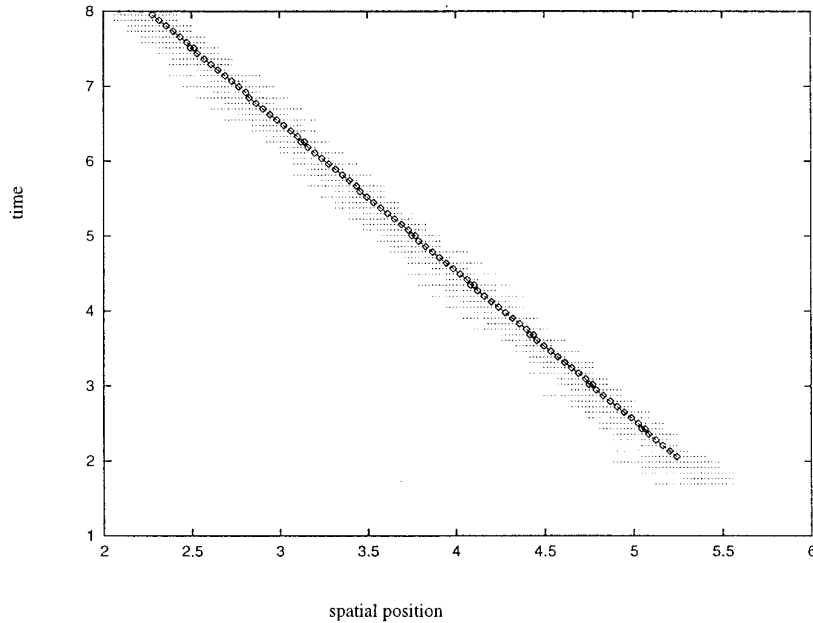
**FIG. 7.** Hybrid adaptive ENO and ENO errors for solution of Burger's equations with one shock present at time  $t = 8$ . For the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme, the error is approximately the same for any point away from the shock.



**FIG. 8.** Difference between a standard 320 point ENO scheme and the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme. The spatial location is represented along the horizontal axis, while the  $\log_{10}$  of the difference is plotted along the vertical axis. The shock location is approximately at 2.2.



**FIG. 9.** Data points used for hybrid adaptive ENO scheme for one shock problem. This figure shows the location of the data points used at each time during the computation. The diamonds show the location of the shock throughout the computation.



**FIG. 10.** Points where ENO approximation was used in one shock problem. The diamonds show the location of the shock throughout the computation.

Remember, the goal is not to have the highest accuracy everywhere, but to have approximately the same accuracy everywhere. The errors at  $t = 8$  show that hybrid adaptive ENO provides a uniform accuracy.

Figure 8 plots the difference between the hybrid adaptive ENO solution and a standard ENO scheme using 320 points. The figure shows that away from the shock, the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme resolves the solution within .0001 of the 320 points solution. This is to be expected since points are removed when  $I_r < .001$ . Therefore the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme approximates the 320 points ENO scheme within 0.0001 away from the shock using only 17% the computational time.

Figure 9 shows which grid points are used. Figure 10 displays the points where an ENO approximation was used instead of finite differences. Note that they are surrounding

the shock location, with additional ENO points ahead of the shock.

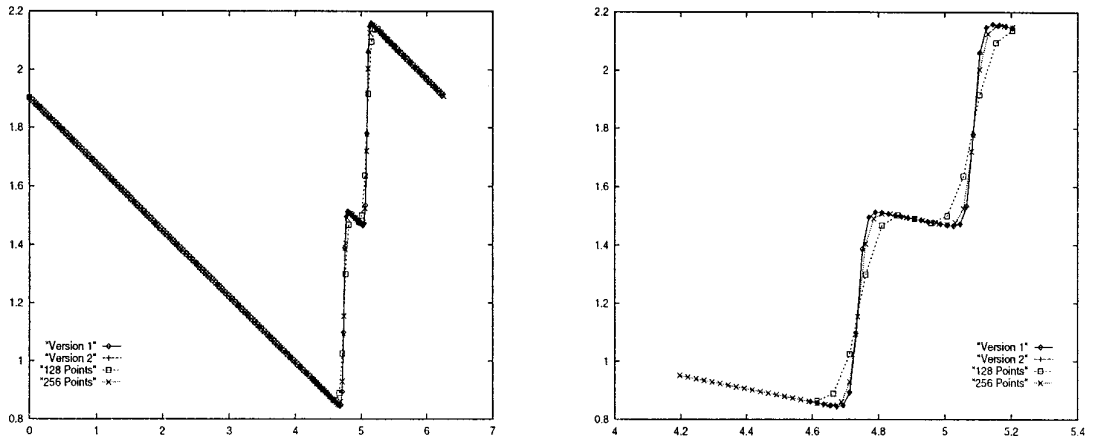
## 8.2. Two Shocks

For this problem I compared two different sets of user parameters. Table VIII shows the results from using the different parameters and standard ENO schemes. The error results are similar to the single shock example. Version 1 uses the same parameters as the single-shock problem. Note version 1 takes slightly longer to compute than standard ENO using 128 points and is substantially quicker than using 256 points. Version 2 takes 15% less time than version 1, and is quicker than the ENO computation with 128 points. Both versions have small errors and narrow shock widths. The difference between versions is that version 2 uses the predictive add indicator to change the grid.

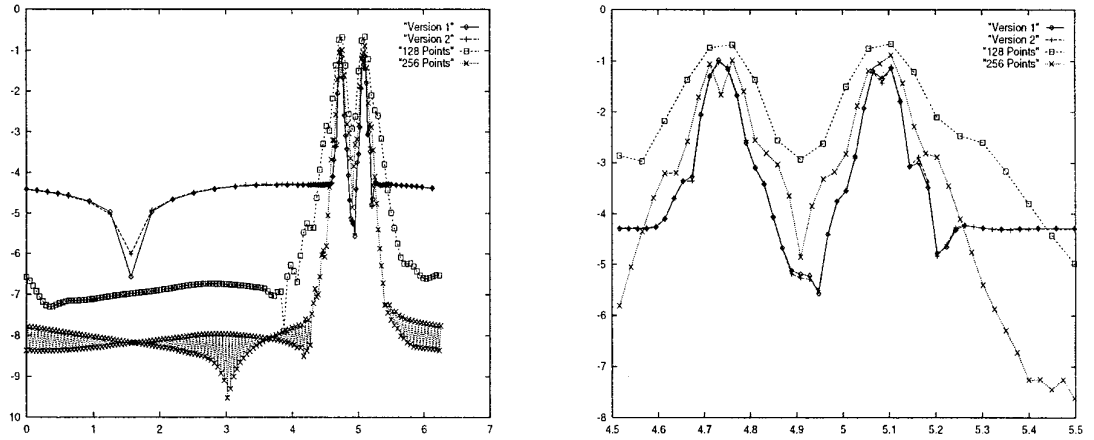
**TABLE VIII**

Two Shocks—Errors and Computational Times

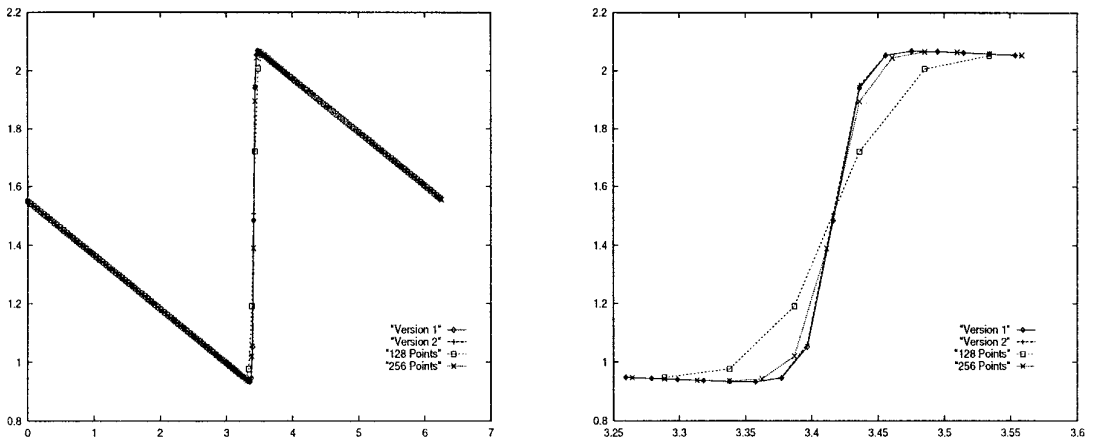
Scheme	Avg. No. of Points		Error			Shock Width	CPU Time
	ENO	Total	$L_1$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$		
Hybrid ENO (1)	42.2	83.8	.00007057	.00009807	.0003543	.07853	424s
Hybrid ENO (2)	42.2	84.5	.00004936	.00007454	.0003258	.07853	358s
128 Points	128	128	.00001444	.00008630	.0006660	.1767	378s
256 Points	256	256	.00005265	.00004380	.0004645	.1030	1205s
320 Points	320	320	.000006023	.00006008	.0009528	.07853	2393s



**FIG. 11.** Comparison of methods on two-shock problem at  $t = 4$ . Figures include 2 hybrid adaptive ENO solutions and 3 ENO solutions. The left figure shows the entire solution, while the right figure shows a closeup of the solution near the discontinuities.



**FIG. 12.** Errors for hybrid adaptive ENO and ENO computations on the two-shock problem. The left figures show the entire error, while the right figure shows the error near the discontinuities.



**FIG. 13.** Computed hybrid adaptive ENO and ENO solutions for the two-shock problem at  $t = 5$ .

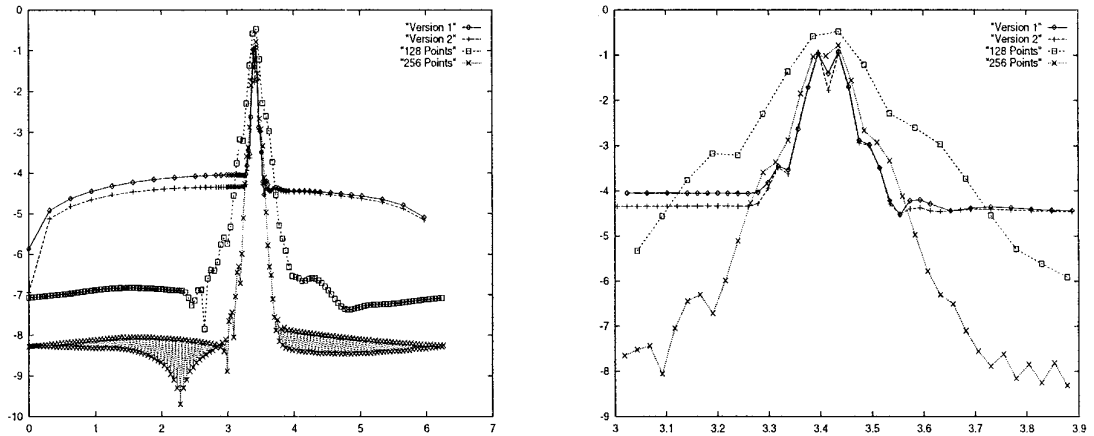


FIG. 14. Errors for hybrid adaptive ENO and ENO schemes in the two-shock problem at  $t = 5$ .

Figures 11–14 compare the solutions using both versions of the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme along with two standard ENO computations. Versions 1 and 2 are hybrid adaptive ENO computations that are virtually indistinguishable from each other. As before, the hybrid adaptive ENO schemes are less accurate away from the shock, but more accurate near the shock.

Figures 15 and 16 again show which data points are used and which points used an ENO approximation to the derivative rather than a finite-difference approximation.

## 9. CONCLUSION

The hybrid adaptive ENO scheme is an essentially nonoscillatory high-order scheme for conservative problems. The

method uses an adaptive grid to maintain accuracy away from discontinuities while minimizing the smearing of shocks.

One possible change would be a combination of Harabetian and Pego's work [3] with this work. This would involve using a switching method to switch from ENO to finite difference for points on the finest grid and would slightly reduce the number of points where ENO computations are made.

The obvious question is how this can be applied to higher dimensions. The first consideration is computation of the derivatives required. Since conservative equations have no cross terms, they therefore can be written as

$$u_t(x, y, t) + F_x(u(x, y, t)) + G_y(u(x, y, t)) = 0. \quad (9.1)$$

Computation of  $F_x$  and  $G_y$  use the same technique for

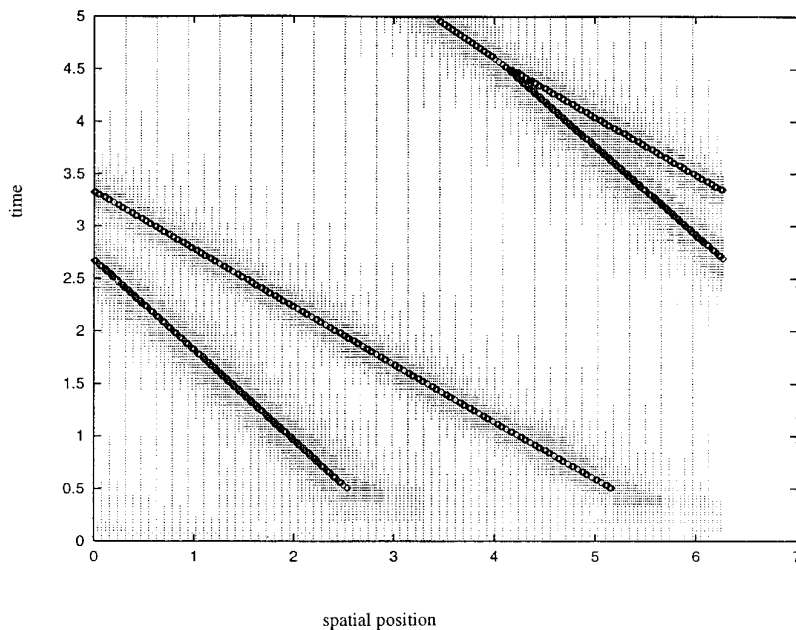


FIG. 15. Location of data points used for the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme for the two-shock problem.

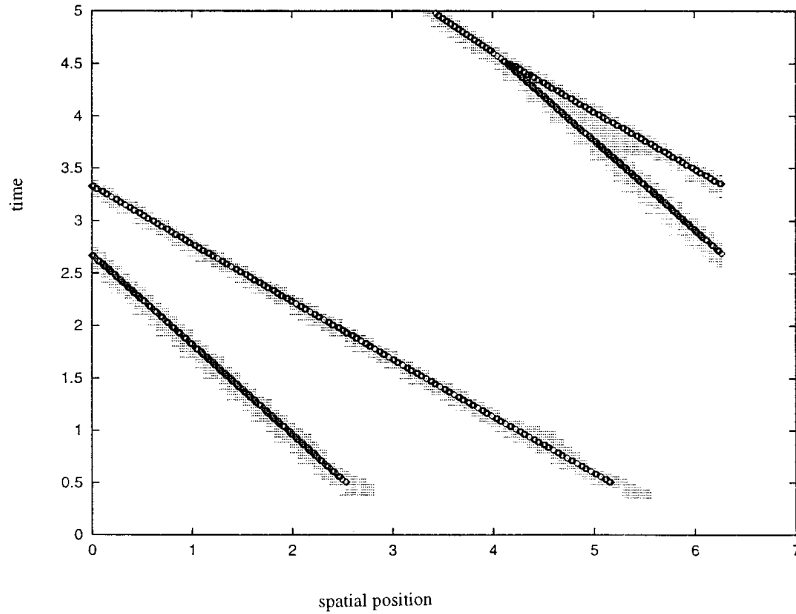


FIG. 16. Location of ENO computations for the hybrid adaptive ENO scheme for the two-shock problem.

computation of derivatives in each direction separately. In doing so, each line would be treated as a separate problem and where to use ENO and where to use finite difference would be decided by the data points.

The second consideration is the general makeup of the computational grid. The easiest way is to test along each vertical and horizontal line in the data whether more or fewer data points are required. Computational tests by myself and others using this simple method lead to grids similar to sparse grids. For example, three neighboring parallel slices of the data can have drastically different number of points on each slice. One line might have 128 points while its neighbors might only have 16. This is not because of peculiarities in the data, it is just that the grid when refined completely defaults to a sparse grid.

In researching how to avoid these problems, I have found

that one solution is to stagger each of the grid lines slightly. This will somewhat increase the number of data points, but will avoid sparse grids.

The final consideration is how to change the computational grid. Before this problem is totally attacked, the above problem with the higher dimension adaptive computational grid needs to be resolved.

APPENDIX A: FIFTH-ORDER EXAMPLE

For the fifth-order approximation, use stencils with the points  $x_{j-2}, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, x_{j+2},$  and  $x_{j+3}$ . Recall that the number of changes in  $w_j$  within one stencil was restricted to one. Therefore there are only nine possible stencils for the fifth-order method. These can be found in Table IX.

TABLE IX

Stencils for Fifth-Order Approximations

Stencil No.	$w_{-2}$	$w_{-1}$	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$
-4	1	1	0	0	0
-3	1	0	0	0	0
-2	0	0	0	-1	-1
-1	0	0	0	0	-1
0	0	0	0	0	0
+1	-1	0	0	0	0
+2	-1	-1	0	0	0
+3	0	0	0	0	+1
+4	0	0	0	+1	+1

TABLE X

Coefficients and Bounds for Fifth-Order Stencils

Stencil No.	$c_{-2}$	$c_{-1}$	$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$B(\dots)$
-4	1/140	-1/10	-13/12	8/5	-1/2	8/105	624/5
-3	1/120	-3/8	-1/2	9/8	-3/10	1/24	1143/20
-2	1/28	-2/5	-2/3	2	-128/105	1/4	242/7
-1	5/108	-10/21	-2/5	10/9	-5/12	128/945	450/7
0	1/20	-1/2	-1/3	1	-1/4	1/30	45
+1	64/315	-3/4	-1/6	9/10	-3/14	1/36	531/14
+2	1/4	-64/35	7/6	1/2	-1/10	1/84	111/7
+3	1/18	-8/15	-1/4	8/9	-1/6	1/180	192/5
+4	1/14	-5/8	-1/30	5/8	-1/24	1/280	92



The fifth-order approximation for  $u'(x)$  is

$$G_j = \sum_{k=-2}^3 c_k u(x_k, t) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $c_k$  are chosen to ensure fifth-order accuracy and depend on the grid spacing. These can be computed for each of the possible stencils and are listed in Table X.

For this fifth-order example the local truncation error is

$$e_j = \frac{1}{6!} \left| \sum_{k=-2}^3 c_k (x_{j+k} - x_j)^6 u^{(vi)}(\xi_k) \right| \quad (\text{A.2})$$

for some values  $\xi_k \in [x_{j-2}, x_{j+3}]$ .

Assume a bound on  $u^{(vi)}(\xi)$  for  $\xi \in [x_{j-2}, x_{j+3}]$ ,

$$U_j = \max_{\xi \in [x_{j-2}, x_{j+3}]} |u^{(vi)}(\xi)|. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Thus using this bound and a knowledge of the grid spacing allows a bound placed on the local truncation error

$$e_j \leq \frac{U_j \delta^6}{6!} \sum_{k=-2}^3 |c_k| \left( \frac{x_{j+k} - x_j}{\delta} \right)^6 \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\leq \frac{U_j \delta^6}{6!} B(w_{-2}, w_{-1}, w_0, w_1, w_2). \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The values for  $B(w_{-2}, w_{-1}, w_0, w_1, w_2)$  are also found in Table X. The maximum value of  $B(\cdot)$  is 92. Therefore the bound on the local truncation error is

$$e_j \leq \frac{23\Delta_j^5}{144} U_j. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

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